STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2819

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 1 4 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2178

H.D. 2 S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim President of the Senate Twenty-Seventh State Legislature Regular Session of 2014 State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Agriculture, to which was referred H.B. No. 2178, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AGRICULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish a program to provide grants to qualified feed developers within the Livestock Revitalization Program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawaii Farmers Union United, Kona Chapter; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Ulupono Initiative; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Hawaii Farm Bureau Federation; Hawaii Farmers Union United; and two individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Agriculture.

Your Committee finds that the rising cost of feed for livestock production is one of the greatest challenges to the State's livestock industry. Hawaii farmers must pay even more for feed than those on the mainland due to the exorbitant transportation costs. Livestock feed in Hawaii can comprise as much as seventy percent of production costs. Incentivizing farmers to develop feed locally is vital to promoting a sustainable agricultural economy and keeping Hawaii's livestock industry afloat.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

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- (1) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2178, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2178, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture,

CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

The Senate Twenty-Seventh Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Agriculture AGL

	Committee		Dat	e:	
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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members	·	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)					
KOUCHI, Ronald D. (VC)		V			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				V	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani		V			
THIELEN, Laura H.					V
WAKAI, Glenn			V		
SLOM, Sam					
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TOTAL		3	1		3
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature:					
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